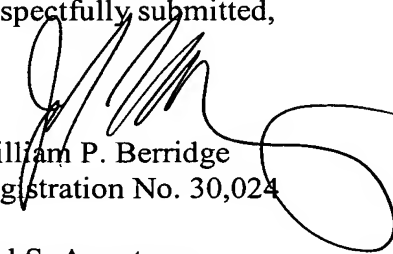


**REMARKS**

Claims 22 - 41 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the abstract is added, claims 1-21 are cancelled and claims 22-41 are added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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